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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON KUZNETSOV.

1. I CALLED ON FIRST DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER KUZNETSOV MARCH 14. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY KORNIYENKO, I BY POL COUNSELOR. ALTHOUGH THIS WAS COURTESY CALL, WE GOT INTO SOME SUBSTANTIVE TOPICS INCLUDING CSCE, TREATMENT OF JOURNALISTS, REPATRIATION OF AMERICAN CITIZENS AND FAMILY REUNIFICATION.

2. KUZNETSOV BEGAN BY WISHING ME WELL AND EXPRESSING THE HOPE THAT WE CAN PROCEED FURTHER IN IMPROVING RELATIONS. HE NOTED THAT PARTY AND GOVERNMENT, AFTER BREZHNEV'S VISIT TO THE U.S., HAD FORMALLY APPROVED "HIS" LINE. HE ADDED THAT MFA IS DOING ALL IT CAN TO IMPLEMENT THE GENERAL LINE ON IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH THE U.S.

3. I RESPONDED BY REFERRING TO BREZHNEV'S OPTIMISTIC VIEW DURING OUR FIRST TALK AND TO THE REMARKS MADE TO ME BY THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY EMPHASIZING THAT THEY INTEND TO CONTINUE ON THE COURSE ESTABLISHED IN THE DOCUMENTS SIGNED HERE AND IN WASHINGTON. I SAID I INTEND TO BE ACTIVE IN SUPPORT OF THE POLICY OF RELAXATION OF TENSIONS AND PLAN TO SEEK CONTACTS WITH BROAD SECTORS OF SOVIET SOCIETY. I REFERRED TO UPCOMING VISITS BY THE SECRETARY AND PRESIDENT.

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4. KUZNETSOV NOTED THAT THERE ARE STILL PROBLEMS, BUT THEY CAN BE SOLVED ON A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE BASIS. HE SAID THAT MFA HAD THE PREVIOUS DAY BEEN INFORMED THAT THE SECRETARY PROPOSED TO ARRIVE MARCH 24, AND ADDED THAT THEY ARE NOW STUDYING THIS PROPOSAL. HE SPOKE IN GENERAL TERMS ABOUT THE UPCOMING SUMMIT, NOTING THAT THEY ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO DISCUSSING THE DETAILS WITH THE SECRETARY.

5. KUZNETSOV LET PASS MY REFERENCE TO SALT, EXCEPT TO AGREE THAT IT IS AN IMPORTANT AND COMPLEX MATTER WHICH DESERVES OUR BEST EFFORTS.

6. HE DID HOWEVER SEIZE UPON MY REFERENCE TO CSCE AND EXPOUNDED AT SOME LENGTH AND IN FAMILIAR TERMS. HE ASSERTED THAT SOME WESTERN DELEGATIONS ARE NOT ENTIRELY BUSINESSLIKE AND ARE EMPHASIZING TRIFLES. FOR EXAMPLE, MEASURES BY WHICH THEY WOULD LIKE TO CONTROL ALL ACTIVITIES OF SOVIET MILITARY UNITS IN THE WHOLE EUROPEAN PART OF THE USSR. AND BASKET III ITEMS, BY WHICH THEY SEEK EITHER TO DRAG OUT THE WHOLE AFFAIR OR TO MAKE IT EASIER TO INTERFERE IN INTERNAL SOVIET MATTERS.

7. I ASSURED HIM THAT OUR VIEWPOINTS ON CSCE ARE NOT SO FAR APART. OUR DELEGATIONS ARE WORKING CLOSELY IN GENEVA. U.S. DOES NOT SEEK CONFRONTATION, BUT MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS. OF COURSE THERE ARE MANY COUNTRIES INVOLVED, AND THE PUBLIC IN BOTH EUROPE AND THE U.S. IS GREATLY INTERESTED IN BASKET III. IT IS IMPORTANT TO SHOW PROGRESS IN THESE MATTERS. AS THE SECRETARY HAS SAID, WE DO NOT SEEK TO INTERFERE IN SOVIET INTERNAL AFFAIRS. WE DO BELIEVE THAT INCREASED CONTACTS WILL AID DETENTE, AND WE ARE WORKING TO THAT END.

8. KUZNETSOV PURSUED THE QUESTION, SAYING THAT USSR FAVORS WIDENING CONTACTS AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, IN ORDER BETTER TO UNDERSTAND THE PSYCHOLOGY AND STANDPOINTS OF OTHER COUNTRIES. OF COURSE THE EXCHANGES MUST BE OF A KIND THAT STRENGTHEN PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE, NOT WORK AGAINST IT. HE CONCLUDED THAT IT IS NOW TIME TO WORK
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"PENCIL IN HAND" AND TO AGREE ON CONCRETE FORMULATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROPOSALS AGREED UPON IN HELSINKI.

9. I NOTED THAT MOST AMERICANS SUPPORT THE IDEA OF IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH THE USSR. HOWEVER, OUR PUBLIC DOES NOT ALWAYS CAREFULLY DISTINGUISH BETWEEN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND QUESTIONS WHICH ANOTHER COUNTRY MIGHT CONSIDER ITS OWN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. (KUZNETSOV

INTERJECTED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE PROBLEM.) I NOTED THAT IN GENERAL OUR PUBLIC TAKES A KEEN INTEREST IN PROBLEMS OF HUMAN RIGHTS. HE ASSERTED THAT SOME AMERICANS FOCUS ON PEOPLE HERE WHO WANT TO RETURN TO TSARIST ERA, AND IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF AMERICANS WERE BETTER INFORMED ABOUT SOVIET REALITIES.

10. I THEN TURNED TO QUESTION OF IMPROVING WORKING CONDITIONS FOR JOURNALISTS IN USSR, NOTING THERE WERE SOME POSITIVE INDICATIONS AS REGARDS MULTIPLE EXIT/ENTRY VISAS. I ALSO REFERRED TO CORRESPONDENTS' TRAVEL PROBLEMS, NOTING DESIRABILITY OF INCLUDING JOURNALISTS IN RECENT PARTIAL RELAXATION OF SOVIET TRAVEL CONTROLS, AND SAID THAT I WOULD BE DISCUSSING THESE AND RELATED QUESTIONS IN DETAIL WITH PRESS DIVISION. WE HOPED PROGRESS COULD BE MADE IN THESE AREAS AND WOULD BE WILLING TO ACT RECIPROCALLY. KUZNETSOV ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE HAS SOME RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRESS QUESTIONS. HE SAID MFA WANTS TO CREATE CONDITIONS FOR JOURNALISTS SO THAT THEY CAN BECOME BETTER ACQUAINTED WITH THE COUNTRY, AND HAS ALREADY TAKEN A NUMBER OF STEPS.

11. I TOOK UP QUESTION OF REUNIFICATION OF FAMILIES, REFERRING TO REPRESENTATION LIST XV AND REQUESTING SPECIAL ATTENTION TO 12 INDIVIDUALS WHOM WE REGARD AS U.S. CITIZENS. I GAVE HIM A LIST OF THESE 12 CASES. HE ACCEPTED IT AND SAID THEY WOULD REVIEW IT AND WOULD "MEET US HALFWAY," ON BASIS OF SOVIET LAWS AND REGULATIONS. MANY CASES HAVE ALREADY BEEN RESOLVED. OTHERS INVOLVE SECURITY OR FOR OTHER REASONS REQUIRE CAREFUL ATTENTION. KORNIYENKO ASKED IF THESE 12 CASES WERE ALL THERE WERE. I SAID WE KNEW OF NO OTHER CITIZENS AT THE MOMENT, ALTHOUGH OTHERS MAY OF COURSE APPEAR LATER.
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12. KUZNETSOV URGED ME, AS HAD GROMYKO, TO FEEL FREE TO COME IN WHENEVER I HAD A PROBLEM TO DISCUSS, AND SUGGESTED THAT WE MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT WITHOUT STANDING ON FORMALITIES OR PROTOCOL.
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